— Review of role of central agencies;

— Autonomy and corporatisation of SEBs;

— Improvement of physical parameters;

— Cogeneration/Captive generation plants;

— Advance action and high priority for hydro projects;

— Allocation of liquid fuels;

— Mega Power Projects at pit heads; and

— Setting up of washeries.

Power Projects Approved by Government

573. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new power projects approved by the Government till date with location of each Project. State-wise;

(b) the estimated cost, capacity and actual power likely to be generated by each during 1997-98 and Ninth Plan period;

(c) whether the international financial institutes like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund and European Overseas Development Administration. U.K. have shown any interest/contributed money in financing new powergrid schemes; and

(d) if so, details thereof the financial institutions, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The details of new power gener-tion projects accorded investment approval by the Government during the last 3 years is as follows:

SI. No.	Name of the Project (Capacity in MW)	State	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Crores)
1.	Rayalasccma TPS St-II (2x210 MW)-	A.P.	'1273.00
2.	Purulia PSS (900 MW)	W.B.	1456.56
3.	Kothagudcm TPS St-V (2x250 MW)	A.P.	1890.00
4.	Diesel Generating Power Station at Kozhikodc (6x20 MW)	Kerala	355.00
5.	Muzaffarpur TPS Extn. (2x250 MW)	Bihar	1452.13

The actual power generation from these projects during Ninth Plan would depend upon actual date of synchronisation to the grid, plant load factor, availability of water (in case of hydel projects) and other relevant factors and hence cannot be computed at this stage.

(c) and (d): Details of Powergrid schemes being executed with international financial assistance are given below:

1. The world Bank loan commitments to POWERGRID today amounts to about US $ 1.5 billion.

2. The World Bank has agreed "in principle" to extend further loan to POWERGRID on a time slice concept, amounting to around US$ 1.20 billion against a basket of projects spread in a time slice of 5-7 years.

3. Asian Development Bank has extended POWERGRID a loan of US $ 275 million against a group of projects which include Augmentation of Transmission System in North-Eastern Region.

4. The Overseas Economic Co-operation fund, Japan has already provided loans amounting to Yen 32.754 billion towards the implementation of transmission system associated with the Gas Power Projects of Gandhar, Kathal-guri and Faridabad.

5. European Investment Bank, Oversesas Development Administration U.K., West Merchant Bank, the Banque Indosuez and Credit Nationale, Paris, Industrial Bank of Japan & Export-Import Bank of Japan etc. have also financed POWERGRID projects and continues to show keen interest in financing new schemes.

Monopoly of PGCI

574. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to end the Monopoly of State owned Power Grid Corporation of India on primary transmission network as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 30th June, 1997;

(b) whether six major power transmission projects envisaged investment of Rupees 8.000 crore are being offered for development by the Private Corporations;

(c) if so, the details thereof, area-wise, cost-wise, locqtion-wise; and

(d) whether any legislation in this regard is likely to be brought in Monsoon Session for the purpose of granting transmission licences for inter State schemes, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. docs not have any monopoly over the primary transmission network in the country as the State transmission systems are owned and operated by States/SEBs. However, operation and control of the regional and national grid is one of the functions of POWERGRID which will continue even after the entry of private investors in the field of transmission.

(b) and (c) The following six transmission projects, with a total estimated cost of Rs. 8000 crores have been identified Tor formation of joint venture between POWERGRID and private investors:—

1. AC Interqunnector between Raipur in Western Region and Rourkela in Eastern Region—Rs. 300 Crores.

2. Transmission system for evacuation of power from projects to be put up by M/s CEPA in Hirma. Orissa, to the Northern Region—Rs. 3355 crores.

3. Transmission system for evacuation of power from project to be put up by M/s CEPA in Hirma, Orissa, to the Western region—Rs. 1300 crores.

4. Transmission scheme to consult the right of way in the chicken neck area of West Bengal to evacuate power to be harnessed in the North Eastern Region—Rs. 350 crores.

5. HVDC line associated with transmission system of Talcher II project of NTPC in Orissa to evacuate power to Southern Region—Rs. 1250 crores.

6. HVDC terminals at Talcher Project in Orissa and at Kolar (Near Bangalore) in Karnataka associated with Transmission system of Talcher if project of NTPC—Rs. 1520 crores.